

Dear Senators Coons and Merkeley:

The National Main Street Alliance and our affiliated partners at the state level are pleased to endorse the Small Business Tax Credit Accessibility Act that you are co-sponsoring.

Our small businesses want to provide health care coverage for our employees but we often struggle with costs. We are supportive of the Affordable Care Act and are pleased to see SHOP exchanges coming into existence this year. However, too few of our business owners are able to purchase insurance because of affordability issues and many of them are unable to qualify for tax credits because of the size and average wage restrictions.

The changes your legislation are very good for small businesses in general and for our employees and their families. Making the changes in these credits as you propose will expand the benefits of this system to thousands who cannot now qualify.

**Endorsing Organizations:** 

The Main Street Alliance

The Main Street Alliance of Oregon

The Main Street Alliance of Washington

The Florida Main Street Alliance

The Vermont Main Street Alliance

The New Jersey Main Street Alliance

Small Business United, Make the Road New York

Maine Small Business Coalition